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**ROBERT CHESTER NAMED REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
OF NLRB'S PITTSBURGH, PA REGIONAL OFFICE**

Robert W. Chester has been appointed Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board's Regional Office in Pittsburgh, PA (Region 6) succeeding Gerald Kobell who retired in January 2009.

A career NLRB employee, Mr. Chester has been serving since 2006 as the Regional Director in Minneapolis, MN (Region 18). In his new position, Mr. Chester will supervise the handling of NLRB cases arising in Western Pennsylvania and 26 Counties in West Virginia.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act. It conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation and investigates and remedies unfair labor practices.

In a statement announcing the appointment, NLRB Chairman Wilma B. Liebman and General Counsel Ronald Meisburg said:

Bob Chester has proven himself to be an excellent manager and a skilled leader. During his more than 30 years with the NLRB, Bob has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Agency's mission. He has participated in a number of national initiatives, including committees monitoring overall quality in field work and developing strategies for the Agency to meet its overarching measures. We are confident that Bob will bring his superb leadership skills to the management of the Pittsburgh office.

A native of Washington, PA, Mr. Chester served in the U.S. Army from 1969-1971. He received his B.A. degree from Towson University in Baltimore, MD in 1974 and his M.B.A. degree in 1982 from Bradley University in Peoria, IL.

Mr. Chester started his government career in Philadelphia, PA with the U.S. Navy Aviation Supply Office before transferring to the NLRB. He began his NLRB career in 1976 as a Field Examiner in Sub-region 33 in Peoria, IL. He transferred to the Pittsburgh, PA Regional Office (Region 6) in 1985, and he was promoted to Supervisory Field Examiner in that office in 1998. Mr. Chester was promoted to Assistant to the Regional Director in Region 18 in 2001 and Regional Director in 2006.

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